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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 12 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank You for the life and legacy of former Senator Bob Bennett. Lord, we praise You for his diligence, integrity, intellect, and courage, for he has left exemplary footprints for us to follow. Be with his beloved widow Joyce, comforting her, his loved ones, and friends in their grief.

Lord, we also remember Sergeant Christopher Eney, Officer Jacob Chestnut, Detective John Gibson, and Sergeant Clinton Holtz of the U.S. Capitol Police, who gave the last full measure of devotion. Remind us that Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Today, give our lawmakers the singularity of heart to seek, find, and follow Your will so that their legacy will also be exemplary.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, we will return to the consideration of the energy security and water infrastructure funding bill today. As we do so, I wish to remind colleagues of the importance of returning to regular order and working through the appropriations process.

A return to regular order means empowering Senators from both sides to make more responsible judgments as to how taxpayer dollars are spent. It means allowing Senators to better represent the voices of their constituents throughout the legislative process. Beginning the process early means giving Senators from both sides more opportunity to debate and offer ideas they think might make these bills even better.

This is the way the appropriations process is supposed to work, and with a little cooperation, we can keep it moving forward this week.

The bill before us will support energy innovation and waterway infrastructure. It will promote commerce and public safety. It will help maintain our nuclear deterrence posture.

These are priorities that should be important to all of us. So let's continue to work today and move this bill forward.

### REMEMBERING BOB BENNETT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, tomorrow the Democratic leader and I will have the honor of celebrating Senator Bennett's life at a memorial service, but I also wish to say a few words about this dear friend and colleague now.

Bob Bennett said there are two kinds of Senators in Washington—workhorses and show horses. It is clear to anyone who knew him which path Senator Bennett followed. This former chaplain, entrepreneur, and CEO came to the Senate with a long resume and a formidable work effort. Over his 18 years of service, Bob typified the constructive player with the steady hand, the kind of Senator who preferred the low-key work of legislating to the bright lights of the media.

Bob worked hard to develop relationships in both parties, and he approached everything he did with creativity, with substance, and with honor.

Senator Bennett served as a member of our conference leadership team, sat on important committees, and pressed forward on a range of different issues.

He also shared my interest in the First Amendment. Bob would be the first to tell you that he viewed his most important job as being a husband. I think his wife Joyce felt the same way. In more than 50 years of marriage, the Bennetts worked together to raise six children. They were blessed with 20 grandchildren as well.

Many of us remember the active role Joyce played in the life of the Senate family over the years, and so we are

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